

House File 257 - Introduced

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BY SWAIM

A BILL FOR

1 An Act prohibiting certain trapping practices and providing
2 penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 481A.92, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2011,
2 are amended to read as follows:

3 2. a. Except as otherwise provided, a person shall not use
4 chemicals, explosives, smoking devices, mechanical ferrets,
5 wire, tool, instrument, or water to remove fur-bearing animals
6 from their dens.

7 b. Humane traps, conibear type traps, or traps designed to
8 kill instantly, with a jaw spread, as originally manufactured,
9 exceeding ~~eight~~ five inches are unlawful to use except when
10 placed entirely under water.

11 c. It is unlawful to set a conibear type trap in a bucket or
12 similar container with bait or lure.

13 3. Conibear type traps and snares shall not be set on the
14 right-of-way of a public road within two hundred yards of
15 the entry to a private drive serving a residence without the
16 permission of the occupant or within five feet of any fence
17 without the permission of the adjacent landowner or tenant.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill prohibits certain trapping practices. The bill
20 prohibits the use of humane traps, conibear type traps, or
21 traps designed to kill instantly with a jaw spread exceeding
22 five inches, unless such traps are placed entirely under water.

23 The bill also prohibits setting a conibear type trap in
24 a bucket or similar container with bait or lure, or setting
25 a conibear type trap or snare within five feet of any fence
26 without the permission of the adjacent landowner or tenant.

27 A violation of the provisions of the bill is punishable with
28 a scheduled fine of \$25.